

**17 COURSE O – FINAL EXAMINATION AND RESEARCH
PROJECT**

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**Division of Forensic Science
QUESTIONED DOCUMENTS TRAINING MANUAL**

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17.1 Scope

17.1.1 Final comprehensive examination (approximately 40 hours)

17.1.2 Research project (approximately 200 hours)

17.2 Objective

To test the student's comprehensive knowledge of the technical aspects of forensic document examination, and to familiarize the student with the process of conducting scientific research

17.3 Methods of Instruction

Self-directed

17.4 References

- Technical articles and texts appropriate to the area of research

17.5 Standards

17.5.1 The student must be able to explain and demonstrate the ability to adequately conduct a wide variety of questioned document examinations.

17.5.2 The student must complete a research project. Subject area can be chosen by the student, but must be approved by the instructor. Research results shall be recorded in a formal scientific paper suitable for presentation at professional meetings, and for publication.

17.6 Verification

17.6.1 Student must score at least 80 on a comprehensive written test covering material from Courses A through M.

17.6.2 Student must demonstrate (to the instructor's satisfaction) the ability to conduct adequate technical examinations of a variety of document problems covered in Courses A through K.

17.6.3 Student must complete a formal research project (to the instructor's satisfaction) written to the standards outlined for a research paper in the "Information for Authors" section of each Journal of Forensic Sciences.

17.6.4 The student will have 240 hours to complete Course O.

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